THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) Government has constituted a five-member Committee on 21.7.2003 to prepare a road map for civil aviation sector that will provide the basis for a New Civil Aviation Policy. The Committee may consult/invite any expert it may consider useful and interact with institutions, individuals and organisations connected with or interested in civil aviation.

Recovery of dues from travel agents

1648. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that failure of Indian Airlines to ensure proper and timely remittance of dues has resulted in a blockage of huge amount which runs into several crores of rupees with the Travel Agents authorised by the I.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on 31st March, 2003;

(c) how much amount is outstanding against them for the last two years; and

(d) what steps have been taken to recover the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) A sum of Rs.2.06 crores is due from agents arising during last two years *i.e.* 2001-02 and 2002-03. The agents generate revenue over Rs. 3500 crores annually for Indian Airlines. The outstanding of Rs. 2.06 crores, is 0.03% of the turnover generated by agents.

Indian Airlines has laid down comprehensive guidelines in respect of the appointment of agents, payment procedures and other safeguards to protect its financial interests by obtaining bank guarantees and insurance coverage etc. Indian Airlines has taken various steps to liquidate the dues such as invoking of the bank guarantee, initiating legal proceedings, taking up with Travel Agents Association of India/ International Air Transport Association etc. A statement showing details of these cases including status of recovery action is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Statement of dues recoverable from the agents defaulted during 2001-02 and 2002-03

Sl. No.	Name of the Agency	Amount Outstanding (Rs. Lacs)	Period of Outstanding	Remarks
1.	Hemagiri Travels, Bangalore	42.09	2001-02	Under legal proceedings/court case
2.	G.N. World Travel, Hyderabad	2.81	2001-02	Claim with IATA-BSP
3.	Sahina Travels, Calicut	23.70	2001-02	Claim with IATA-BSP
4.	Choice Tourse & Travels, Cochin	1.38	2002-03	Claim with IATA-BSP
5.	Sujavi Travels, Bangalore	5.23	2001-02	Court Case under process
6.	Pentalpha Travels, Calicut	5.10	2002-03	Claim with IATA-BSP
7.	Ershine Air Travel, Trichy	17.44	2002-03	Claim with IATA-BSP
8.	Emperor Traveline, Coimbatore	8.19	2002-03	Claim with IATA-BSP
9.	DSP Tour and Travels, Bagalore	5.35	2002-03	Claim for Rs. 4.10 lacs with IATA-BSP and for balance initiated legal process
10.	Pattukottai Sunshine, Trichy	11.17	2002-03	Claim with IATA-BSP
11.	Multiple Travels	6.84	2001-02	Under legal proceeding/ court case
12.	New National Cargo	2.93	2001-02	Under legal proceeding/ court case
13.	VPL Travels	13.57	2001-02	Under legal proceedings/ court case
14.	Mayur Travel, Jaipur	10.67	2002-03	Under legal proceedings/court case
15.	Newfly Travels, Mumbai	12.29	2002-03	Under legal proceedings
16.	New Maharaja Travels, Baroda	16.62	2002-03	Under legal proceedings
17.	United Air Travels, Goa	20.32	2000-03	Under legal proceedings
18.	Continental Travels, Guwahati	0.21	2001-02	Recovery action being initiated
	TOTAL	205.92		

IC - Indian Airlines
TAAI - Travel Agents Association of India
IATA BSP - IATA agency for Bank Settlement Plan